

predictions regarding its future. Many of the predictions made at that meeting are still predictions today. One statement contained in the annual address of the president that is still being repeated by the profession is interesting enough and applicable enough to today's problems to quote:

"Now this condition (lack of publicity) of things should not exist, and the question arises what is to be done? I reply, let us educate the masses—this is our work for the future.

"Too long for our interest and that of our race have medical men ignored this important duty. So filled with dignity has the profession been that they could not stoop to approach the people through the main channels by which they can be reached—the daily press and public lecture room. 'With dull apathy we have seen the followers of most other professions seeking to avail themselves of these elements of power, some for good, some for evil. The clergyman has not trusted alone to supernatural power in keeping alive the truths of revelation and arousing in the people a due respect for its lessons. They have watched with "jealous care" the education of the young, and from the Sabbath school to the university they exercise the greatest control. And legislators, through their political organizations, public speeches and control of the press hold the masses, as it were, in the hollow of their hands.'"

We will close this very brief, sketchy reminder of other days in medicine by a brief abstract from an address of the annual meeting of the society in 1874 by President T. H. Pinkerton:

"The fool of Nottingham being asked by his master what profession or calling had the greatest number within its ranks in that town, replied: 'Truly, master, I think there be many more physicians in Nottingham than men of any other pursuit.' 'A very fool thou art,' replied his master; and the fool rejoins, 'I will prove what I have said.' He was encouraged to do so by the promise of a gold piece. So he went about the town with his face tied up as if suffering from a dreadful toothache. Everybody he met pitied him; everybody, too, prescribed for him; he noted their names and their nostrums. Being seen last by his master and getting his prescription, he submitted the whole list, and his master acknowledged that he had proved his saying.

"Can anyone of us doubt that a similar investigation would lead to the same results in our own day and in the towns or cities in which we live? Is there not even reason to believe that the number of those who depend upon regularly educated physicians for counsel and advice is less among us than in other countries and other times? The precocious habits of our country have, of course, been felt in the medical profession."

Is This Limited to Indiana—Many doctors are members of churches and various organizations supported or sponsored by churches, and such doctors have a right to protest against the attitude of the various religious organizations that through their officers are upholding and actually working for some of the pseudo-medical cults. Some of the leaders in the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. activities actually are "tooting" for chiropractors who at the present time are lawbreakers, to say nothing of being incompetent, yet these same ringleaders in Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. work are soliciting endorsement and financial support from reputable members of the medical profession. We have no objection to the preferences shown by ministers, Y. M. C. A. or Y. W. C. A. secretaries for legalized and reputable practitioners of medicine, but we do think that it is time for withdrawal of support of those religious workers when they not only uphold quackery, but actually work for quackery's advancement. If the Church and various religious associations, as organizations or through their officers, are going to support the pseudo-medical cults and quackery, then it is time for the regular medical profession to withdraw its support from such organizations.

COUNTY NEWS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Los Angeles County Medical Association elected the following officers at its annual meeting:

Officers for the Year 1923—William H. Gilbert, president; Joseph K. Swindt, vice-president; Harlan Shoemaker, secretary-treasurer.

Councillors—Carl Rand (1923), W. H. Kiger (1923), Rea Smith (1923), Walter V. Brem (1924), Wm. Bowman (1924), A. S. Granger (1924), Donald Frick (1925), Lyle G. McNeile (1925), J. Mark Lacey (1925); Paul A. Ferrier, Pasadena; John P. Nuttall, Santa Monica; E. E. Kelly, Pomona; Chas. G. Foote, Long Beach; Frank Detling, Eye and Ear Section; Wm. H. Gilbert, Obstetrical Section; Granville MacGowan, Urological Section; R. F. Has-treiter, Anesthesia Section; Irving Bancroft, Dermatologic Section; H. G. McNeil, Industrial Medicine Section; F. M. Pottenger, Tuberculosis Section; Franklin J. Tower, Southwest; Raymond G. Taylor, Radiological Section.

Trustees—Donald J. Frick (1925), Ray G. Taylor (1925), Fitch C. E. Mattison (1925), W. T. McArthur (1924), Wm. Duffield (1924), Wm. H. Gilbert (1923); Harlan Shoemaker (1923), secretary.

Medico-Legal Committee—Charles D. Lockwood (1923), Walter V. Brem (1924), Theodore Lyster (1925).

Permanent Quarters—F. C. E. Mattison (1923), Hill Hastings (1924), Wayland Morrison (1925).

Hospital Standards—Dudley Fulton (1923), E. C. Moore (1924), Clarence Toland (1925).

Industrial Accident and Contract Practice—Chas. C. Browning (1923), W. W. Richardson (1924), H. G. McNeile (1925).

Illegal Practitioners—R. E. Ramsay (1923), Frank W. Miller (1924), W. B. Kern (1925).

Mal-Practice Defense Committee—J. Scott Brown (1923), E. M. Palette (1924), A. B. Cecil (1925).

Library Committee—Wm. Duffield (1923), W. Jarvis Barlow (1924), Nelson W. Janney (1925).

Appointed by President

Scientific Program—Harlan Shoemaker, chairman; Wilbur Parker, Harry Olds.

Aid to Colleagues—Charles C. Browning, chairman; W. W. Hutchinson, George J. Lund, J. C. Horton, Olga McNeil, Robert A. Walker, Alhambra; F. M. Pottenger, Monrovia.

Committee for the Study of Fee Schedules—J. V. Barrow, chairman; J. Mark Lacey, Oscar Reiss, Philip Boller, E. H. Wiley.

Committee on Lay Medical Activities—Walter Huggins, chairman; O. R. Stafford, Clifton E. Gage, W. Edgerton Carter, C. H. Weaver, W. E. Hall, Harry Voorhees.

Public Health—W. T. McArthur, chairman; E. C. Moore, John Irwin, Wm. J. McKenna, Albert C. Germann, Karl Sleeper, A. H. Zeiler, M. M. Ross, Eleanor Seymour, J. L. Pomeroy, Donald Baxter, Irving Bancroft, Ernest G. Butt, Redondo Beach; Charles Bennett, San Dimas; A. T. Newcomb, Pasadena; Paul Roes, Hollywood; F. L. Rogers, Long Beach; J. K. Swindt, Pomona; John P. Nuttall, Ocean Park; H. P. Wilson, Whittier.

Co-operation with Allied Organizations—Edward T. Dillon, chairman; William Bowman, George Piness, Henry B. Lissner, Stanley Granger, R. V. Day, Charles Lockwood, Michael Creamer.

The Relationship of the Medical Profession to the Eighteenth Amendment—R. L. Crum, chairman; James F. Holleran, Lloyd Mills, Neal N. Wood.

Speakers' Bureau—T. J. Orbison, chairman; William Duffield, W. J. Haworth, Earl Sweet.

Committee on Medical Education—Walter Brem, chairman; Donald Frick, Theodore Lyster, Percy T.

Magan, W. A. Beckett, Sydney Burnap, Wayland Morrison.

Los Angeles County and Receiving Hospitals and Out-patient Dispensaries—C. G. Toland, chairman; Barney C. Coleman, A. J. Scott, Jr., C. G. Stadfield, Simon Jesberg, William H. Daniel.

Committee on Scientific Organization of Medical Practice—Dudley Fulton, chairman; P. G. White, J. Morris Slemmons, Walter Crane, H. W. Spiers, Andrew Stewart Lobingier, Harold Smith, Henry Snure.

Delegates and Alternates for State Meeting—Delegates 1923—Donald Frick, Harlan Shoemaker, Granville MacGowan, J. Mark Lacey, Walter Hugins, Carl Rand, Raymond Taylor, Wm. Bowman, Chas. C. Browning, John P. Nuttall, A. S. Granger, Walter V. Brem.

1923-1924—Wm. H. Gilbert, A. J. Scott, Jr., H. G. McNeil, F. A. Speik, Packard Thurber, Phillip Stephens, O. I. Tower, T. C. Myers, A. H. Zeiler, Joseph K. Swindt, E. M. Pallette, C. D. Lockwood, Lyle G. McMeile.

Alternates 1923—Jos. M. King, F. C. Swearingen, Carl H. Parker, Wallace Reed, H. H. Heylman, Harriman Jones, F. L. Morgan, C. G. Toland, John Mackey, Roland Cummings, Henry B. Lissner, J. G. Lynch.

1923-24—A. W. Moore, Michael Creamer, LeRoy Sherry, Elmer Kelly, A. R. Rogers, John P. Nuttall, Percy T. Magan, A. T. Newcomb, Robert Day, J. B. Gillis, John Barrow, V. R. Mason, Isaac H. Jones.

MARIN COUNTY

Marin County Medical Society (reported by Chester A. De Lancey, secretary)—The regular business meeting for the month was held on December 14 at the offices of W. F. Jones in San Rafael. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President H. A. Howitt; secretary, C. A. De Lancey; delegate, J. H. Kuser; alternate, A. H. Mays; trustees, Kuser and Howitt. F. V. Simonton, associate professor of Dentistry at the University of California, addressed a meeting of the physicians and dentists of Marin County under the auspices of the Marin County Medical Society. Simonton chose as his subject, "Histologic Study of Result Obtainable Through Instrumental Treatment of Pyorrhoea." Warden J. J. Johnston, who was a guest of the evening, discussed disease as a potential factor in crime and stated that fully 95 per cent of all entrants to San Quentin needed dental treatment.

MERCED COUNTY

Merced County Medical Society (reported by Brett Davis, secretary)—The first of the 1923 monthly meetings was held January 1. New officers elected for the year are: President, W. C. Cotton; vice-president, A. S. Parker; secretary-treasurer, Brett Davis; delegate to State convention, E. R. Fountain; alternate, B. H. Bush. T. R. Trick, Los Banos, was elected to membership. W. C. Cotton reported the results and case histories of two unusual operative cases of gall bladder disease, which were discussed with profit to all present. Doctor Davis also reported two gall bladder cases with operative histories. Hospital affairs and the subject of a full time health officer for the county were discussed.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Riverside County Medical Society (reported by Thomas A. Card, secretary)—The Society met December 11 in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, with 25 members and 15 visitors present. The following officers were elected for 1923: President, A. L. Bramkamp; Vice-President, Will H. Holmes; Secretary-Treasurer, Thomas A. Card; Ethics Committee, Brown, Dickson, Wills, West and Shank. Chas. W. Girdlestone, Riverside, gave a paper on Treatment of Pneumonia. Discussion was opened

by A. L. Bramkamp of Banning. This was followed by a symposium on Arterial Hypertension, (a) Etiology, A. N. Donaldson, Loma Linda; (b) Pathology, Newton Evans, Loma Linda; (c) Treatment, D. D. Comstock, Los Angeles. Discussion opened by Arthur L. Brown, Riverside. The Society were guests of Geith, Girdlestone, Gordon, Hall, Holland and Holmes at a buffet luncheon served at the close of the meeting.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY

San Diego County Medical Society (reported by Robert Pollock—Following is the list of officers of the San Diego County Society for 1923: President, J. E. Jennison; Vice-President, A. B. Wessels; Secretary, L. H. Redelings; Treasurer, C. L. Stealy; Editor, Robert Pollock.

Council—Wessels, chairman; Arnold, Jennison, Pickard, Pollock, Redelings, Stealey, Thornton, Wilier, Worthington.

Membership Committee—Arnold, Tanner, Cleverdon.

Program Committee—Cornell, Thornton, Doria. Medico-Legal—Banks, Jackson, Lesem.

County Hospital—Kinney, Rees.

Child Welfare—Marjory Potter, Martha Welpton, Lillian Mahan, E. Blanche Ramer.

Committee for New Hospitals—Oatman, Churchill, Burger, Fox, Lewis.

Legislative Committee—Yates, Carrington, Harding, Worthington.

The annual meeting of the society for 1922, together with the San Diego County Dental Society, was held December 12, at the San Diego Hotel. A turkey dinner was served at 6:30 in the grill to which were invited the Commanding Officer of the Naval Hospital and his staff and the ladies of the medical and dental professions.

The entertainment of the evening, which consisted of a pleasing program of music, radio and the reports of the retiring officers, was given in the ballroom on the seventh floor, after which dancing was enjoyed until a late hour.

Things look bright at the present time for the inauguration of two or three new hospital movements in greater San Diego within 1923.

The first meeting of the New Year was held in Science Hall, Balboa Park, January 9. Besides the conducting of considerable miscellaneous business referred by the council, the following excellent program was presented:

1. Heart Disease from a new viewpoint, by R. K. Barry. This unique presentation of a vital subject was listened to with extreme interest, but from its very nature permitted of but little discussion. Barry is to be commended for holding the ideals of the heart specialist constantly before and above us in such a way as to invite a higher standard of our work along circulatory lines.

2. Malignant Disease from a Roentgenological Standpoint, by E. A. Blondin. This paper was profusely illustrated by lantern slides, disclosing chiefly cancers of the esophagus and stomach. The rich experience which Blondin has had in diagnosis and treatment of cancer of the esophagus makes one feel that this is a much more common seat of malignancy than ordinarily conceded. Many points of practical value from the roentgenologist's standpoint were brought out. This paper was discussed by Weiskotten, Pollock and Newman.

3. Pasteur's Contribution to Medical Science, by R. A. Kocher. The centenary of the birth of Pasteur was recognized in tribute to the work of this great scientist with a graphic portrayal of the strong points in the character and the outstanding accomplishments of this great scientist, the man to whom we owe in a large measure our start toward making of medicine an exact science.

St. Joseph's Hospital.—The Bulletin of the San Diego County Medical Society contains the following note:

"The annual election of officers was held two

weeks ago at the regular meeting of the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital. L. C. Kinney was elected president of the staff, A. B. Wessels, vice-president, W. W. Russell, secretary; and J. Jennison, member of the executive committee.

H. A. Thompson, M. C. Harding and C. E. Rees have been appointed members of the advisory committee to serve with the elected officers for the coming year.

The laying of the cornerstone for the new St. Joseph's Hospital has been postponed until March, 1923, on account of delay in completion of the plans.

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

San Francisco Medical Society (reported by J. H. Woolsey, secretary)—The committee on Medicine conducted the meeting of December 5 on the subject of "The Cults." Papers were read by Edward W. Twitchell on "Psychotherapy Cults," and J. T. Watkins on "Physical Therapy Cults."

The annual meeting was held December 12 and the following officers elected: President, Sol. Hyman; first vice-president, W. W. Boardman; second vice-president, Elizabeth Keys; secretary-treasurer, J. H. Woolsey; librarian, Leo Eloesser, Board of Directors: H. E. Alderson, Jos. Catton, Leo Eloesser, J. H. Graves, E. S. Kilgore, A. C. Reed, Emmet Rixford. Terms expire December, 1925. (Elected Dec. 1922.)

Delegates 1923-4

H. E. Alderson, L. H. Briggs.

Committees

Executive Committee—T. H. Kelly, chairman; Paul Castelhun, W. T. Cummins.

Committee on Admissions—O. F. Westerfeld, chairman; A. S. Musante, H. E. Ruggles.

Committee on Medicine—J. M. Read, chairman.

Committee on Surgery—L. D. Prince, chairman.

Committee on Industrial Medicine—R. W. Harbaugh, chairman.

Committee on Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat—E. F. Glaser, chairman.

Civic Committee—R. K. Smith, chairman; M. R. Gibbons.

Papers were read by J. H. Kelly on "The Clinical Significance of Thoracic Pain"; by J. W. Shiels on, "The Clinical Significance of Thoracic Fluid"; and by Saxton Pope on "Ishi, Last Yana Indian, and Stories of Hunts with the Bow and Arrow."

On December 19, the committee on industrial medicine furnished the program with, "Some Observations on Traumatic Dislocations of the Hip," by J. T. Watkins, and, "Results Following Experimental Excision of Joints with Special Reference to the Hip," by J. F. Cowan.

The following abstracts of papers presented at these meetings have been received:

"Psychotherapy Cults," by E. W. Twitchell. In early medicine the psychic element was the important one by reason of the inadequacy of material therapy. With the improvement of material therapy came a neglect of the mental, this being delegated to the priest.

The increasing complication of modern life has increased the relative frequency of nervous disease and necessitated more attention from the physician. Failure of some of the earlier regimes, such as the Weir-Mitchell treatment, to give sufficient heed to the emotions and the imagination. The war added an immense number of nervous persons to those already needing care. Coue, like all other lay therapists, fails to distinguish the case which might properly be treated by him from the one which he may irreparably damage.

There is need of a better foundation in psychology for the medical student and a more thorough training in psychiatry. If physicians do not pay more attention to the psychological side of medicine, many of their patients will continue to seek relief from some of the lay psychotherapists.

"The Clinical Significance of Thoracic Fluid," by J. W. Shiels—J. Wilson Shiels' remarks regarding the significance of thoracic fluid were couched in more or less axiomatic form. This due to the shortness of time allowed to the subject. He enlarged upon the clinical necessity of keeping the pulmonary attributes of extensibility ever in mind, during the physical examination of the respiratory system. He considers it a misdirection of clinical ability to contemplate thoracic fluid as always associated with a pleural pathology. He declared nearly all of the pulmonary diseases sooner or later present pleural effusion. He recognizes the necessity of differentiating transudates from exudates, but considers cyto-diagnosis misleading or unavailing, unless associated with other clinical facts. He then considered and enlarged upon the classification of purulent fluid utilized by him as a surgical indication. He emphasized that natural fluid absorption depended upon the integrity of the pleura, the nature of the effusion, the state of the circulation and the formation of enzymes, and of course, costal movement; stating that the more elastic the chest and the more the movement the easier the absorption. The higher the pressure the slower the absorption. That pleural pressure was seldom positive at high levels of fluid and that elastic chest walls controlled the degree of position pressure at low levels, thus accounting for the ease with which young children are able to contain and bear large amounts of fluid.

Shiels declared that an average fall of systolic blood-pressure of 20 mm. of mercury took place, but that it was not a serious complication unless the pleura was inflamed, and if the pleura was definitely inflamed, the possibility of circulatory collapse was always present, and the use of atropine was of value in such cases. He emphasizes the fact that all forms of pneumonitis, pneumonia, abscess, infarcts, embolism, tumors, malignant or otherwise, frequently gave early fluid in the pleural cavity, and that all of these conditions were as a rule demonstrated by a chronic inflammation of the lung, with dyspnoea, pain, fever, sputum, cough and effusion. He enlarged upon the difficulty in differentiating between supra and infra-pleuritic inflammation and its consequences. He warned his hearers against excluding appendicitis on account of right basal crepitations. He credited the X-ray with the teaching and education of clinicians in disorders such as intralobular pleurisy mediastinitis, and supra and infra-pleuritic collections.

San Francisco Academy of Medicine—R. G. Hoskins, Professor of Physiology in Ohio State University, gave an address before the San Francisco Academy of Medicine on the 15th of January. Hoskins' subject was "Constructive Endocrinology."

The Work of Mary's Help Hospital of San Francisco for 1922—The Sisters of Mary's Help Hospital have just issued a little pamphlet giving a summary of the work of the institution during the past year. The hospital admitted 4087 patients and discharged 3880. There were 1784 operations, over 6000 laboratory examinations and 2270 X-ray services. 291 patients were treated in the hospital free of cost and 191 paid something, but less than cost. The ambulatory patient department rendered services to 12,007 patients, made 703 visits and filled 2946 prescriptions. Practically all of the patients treated in this department paid nothing at all. The Sisters expressed their gratitude for the splendid work of the staff and visiting physicians, whose generous co-operation made such an extensive amount of free work possible. The staff of the hospital is now well organized by departments holding regular meetings and making progress in every way in the betterment program in which they are actively engaged. Sister Zoe, R. N., is superintendent; A. S. Keenan is president of the staff, and N. J. Gottbrath secretary of the staff.

St. Joseph's Hospital Building Annex—The activities of construction are again evident at St. Joseph's

Hospital of San Francisco, the Sisters having signed a contract for the building of an annex to house the increased number of student nurses and, later, afford available rooms for patients, when the main structure is torn down, to make way for the second and principal concrete unit, rooms will be used in the annex, which will provide 48 beds.

The first fireproof unit was completed two years ago at an expense of \$150,000, and the next unit is to cost about \$350,000. When the new St. Joseph's Hospital is completed there will be available 300 beds on a site unexcelled for a general hospital. The location selected by the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart thirty-three years ago is free from noise, dust and smoke, an ideal condition for such an institution, and is, at the same time, accessible by street cars and automobiles, a beautiful boulevard leading to the doors.

The coming meeting of the American Medical Association, to be held in San Francisco, June 25 to 29, assumes a special importance to the staff of this progressive institution, on account of the subject of accrediting St. Joseph's Hospital for the interne year of medical graduates by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of this leading national association of physicians and surgeons.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

San Joaquin County Medical Society (reported by Dewey R. Powell, secretary)—The annual meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held in the banquet room of the Hotel Lincoln, Friday evening, December 8. There were forty-seven members in attendance, which made it the largest gathering ever held under the auspices of the society. A most enjoyable repast was served, and the annual election of officers resulted in the following selections: President, Dewey R. Powell; first vice-president, L. R. Johnson; second vice-president, J. W. Barnes; secretary-treasurer, H. S. Chapman. The guest of the evening was Herbert C. Moffitt of San Francisco, who gave a most thorough and illuminating paper on "Intra-abdominal Tumors of the Left Upper Quadrant."

San Joaquin County Medical Society (reported by H. S. Chapman, secretary)—The regular monthly meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held in the State Hospital, January 12. R. T. McGurk presided in the absence of the president, D. R. Powell.

Those present were Dameron, Barnes, Lynch, Dozier, O'Donnell, McGurk, Holliger, Walker, Friedburger, English, Haight, Margaret Smythe, Sanderson, Chapman, and Blinn and Van Meter as guests.

Speakers of the evening were Emmet Rixford, Professor of Surgery, Stanford University Medical School and Ralph Scheier.

Emmet Rixford had as his subject "Appendicitis." He gave a very interesting resume of the early history of the disease, the early work done by Reginald Herbert Fritz, a Boston pathologist. He also spoke of the work done by W. W. Keen. He next discussed drainage tubes, fistula and diverticulitis. The paper was most interesting and all present went away feeling that they had learned something more about the appendix.

Second paper of the evening was by Ralph Scheier. He spoke on the importance of the early diagnosis of tuberculosis. He gave as the most important symptom or group of symptoms of the early diagnosis, as the constitutional symptoms. The instability of pulse and temperature are very indicative of an early tuberculosis, and even if the sputum is negative the patient should be carefully watched. One sputum examination is not sufficient, and at least ten should be made. Baccilli are frequently found in the tenth specimen. He also demonstrated the type of breathing. His outline of treatment is rest and more rest. Not so much where one lives

as how one lives, was his idea of climatic conditions. A very interesting discussion followed the paper.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

San Luis Obispo County Medical Society (reported by G. David Kelker, secretary)—The December meeting of the San Luis Obispo County Medical Society was preceded by a dinner at the Hotel Andrews, with the following members present: Miller, Shields, Jackson, Bradbury, Mugler, Fossum and Nielsen of San Luis Obispo, and Dresser, Wilmar and Kelker of Paso Robles.

In addition to routine business to come before the society, the following officers were elected to serve during 1923: President, R. O. Dresser, Paso Robles; vice-president, O. B. Fossum, San Luis Obispo; secretary-treasurer, G. D. Kelker, Paso Robles.

The following standing committees were appointed by the retiring president, B. Y. Miller: Board of Censors, Bradbury, Mugler, and Wilmar; Auditing Committee, Wilmar, Dresser, and Kelker.

Headquarters of the new County Health Organization for San Luis Obispo County have been established at 1128 Garden street, San Luis Obispo. All classes of communicable diseases occurring in the county will be reported through that office. This organization is aided and fostered by the Rockefeller Foundation and is one of three being established in this State. Some of the important activities of such an organization are: Public health education, sanitation, control of communicable diseases, and adult and child hygiene.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Holds Annual Banquet in Connection with the Annual Clinic Day

—The clinics were divided into three major groups: eye, ear, nose and throat clinics, consisting of six different clinics by different physicians. The surgical clinic lasted throughout the day; the medical clinic started at noon and continued during the rest of the day. The program included a great deal of most interesting work of value to the cause of better medicine. The banquet was held in the evening at a local hotel. This is the second year for this combined clinic day and banquet. Franklin R. Nuzum was general chairman of the day; Samuel Robinson, chairman of the surgical section; Allen H. Williams, chairman of the medical section, and William J. Mellinger, chairman of the ear, nose and throat sections. The officers of the County Medical Society, S. J. Mellinger, H. L. Schurmeier, J. C. Cummings, W. T. Lucas and Alexander Soper, assisted in making this day one of interest to the profession and value to the community.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Santa Clara County Medical Society (reported by E. P. Cook, secretary)—The regular December meeting was held in the society rooms in the Twoby Building. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, F. C. Gerlach; first vice-president, F. S. Ryan; second vice-president, R. G. Reynolds; third vice-president, Jonas Clark; secretary, A. J. Baiocchi; treasurer, H. C. Brown.

SONOMA COUNTY

Sonoma County Medical Society (reported by N. Juell, secretary)—The society held its regular meeting January 11 at Sebastopol with very good attendance, five visitors being present. Howard C. Naffziger addressed the society on the subject of "Head and Nerve Lesions." Elizabeth Emerson was accepted as a new member and G. S. Holman was admitted to membership by transfer from San Leandro, Alameda County. James H. McLeod discussed with the society the business transacted by the Council of the State Society, which met in San Francisco on January 6. The Sonoma County Society unanimously endorsed the proposed change in the Indemnity Defense Fund.